Procurement of Hindi typewriters

†3940. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of such offices under his Ministry/Department where there is not a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter so far and the officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriter by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Monitoring of tourist offices abroad

3941. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how effectively the tourist offices outside the country are facilitating tourist inflow to the country; and

(b) whether there is any plan for better monitoring the results of such offices ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) The performance of tourist offices overseas is considered satisfactory. The increase in the tourist inflow into the country has been 5.2% during 1999.

(b) The monitoring of these offices is a continuous exercise. However increasing use of Information Technology is being made for better monitoring of the offices.

Facilities offered to foreign tourists

3942. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2738 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th April, 2000 and state:

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